## VA, Hillary Clinton and Kenneth Kizer

## 'A lie is a lie even when everyone believes it; truth remains truth even when nobody believes it. Adolf Hitler.

A pervasive lie that veterans get healthcare and benefits on par or better than private sector is now a commonly believed, persistent, propagandized lie. Here are the historical facts – you figure out the rest. During the Clinton Administration, first lady, Hillary Clinton's plan was to sell America on Socialized Healthcare. She needed a sterling Socialized example so chose the VA as her model. Armed with a presidential decree she gave VA an ultimatum: reform into that sterling model or else. Hillary needs no introduction: she has sharp teeth and a very nasty bite. In 1994, Clinton put Kenneth Kizer in charge of the VA healthcare system, as Undersecretary of Veterans Affairs. The new sheriff over that agency had large teeth and nasty bite, too. Kizer among his many accomplishments, reformed VA; he modernized the VA's computer systems, fired poor-performing doctors, support staff, and established private-sector-style metrics to measure the VA's performance on things like patient wait times, care quality, service, etc. In other words, during his five-year tenure Kizer reformed VA into a top performing healthcare and benefits institution notwithstanding entrenched, status quo 'good old boy and girl' interests dead set against him derailing their gravy trains. He & Hillary created a long overdue mammoth train wreck from them to provide quality Veteran healthcare providing veterans the benefits they earned deserved for the first time in VA history. They turned VA healthcare and benefits into a crown jewel of what healthcare can be and a highly envied example by the US medical care industry. They did it without ever increasing budgets from Washington DC. Hillary is a lot of things but she and Kizer did what The Ship of Fools US Congress and all their cronies could not and still cannot do: true VA reform making that a first in the history of Dept of Veterans Affairs, and the agency cannot take one whit of credit for their historical accomplishment! However, all good things end; after Clinton left office and Kizer resigned from VA 5 years later so did their success story. Recidivism quickly reclaimed the institution to its former cesspool disaster run by status quo 'good old boy and girl' special interests: VA, VSO's, Congressional political pork, AFGE union, misc crony's, internal corruption, etc. They restarted their gravy trains robbing veterans to pay for their free ride and lunch. All the while, plagiarizing & stealing credit, hiding behind claimed and published accounts that it never did from undertakings during the Clinton &

Kizer era VA golden age. VA is now considered the worst healthcare system in America yet perpetuates commonly believed lies to the contrary. Ref credit: Avik Roy, Forbes Staff writer.